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The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, which was submitted to the Security Council and the General Assembly,[1]

Noting with appreciation the initial steps taken by the Security Council towards an urgent and concerted effort to follow up the report of the Secretary-General in the areas of conflict prevention and the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations as a means of promoting durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,

Taking note of the decision of the Economic and Social Council[2] to undertake substantive discussions on the implementation of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General at its substantive session of 1999, and to coordinate and harmonize, as appropriate, the organs of the United Nations system in the implementation of the initiatives on African development,

Recalling the agreement of 15 November 1965 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, as updated and signed on 9 October 1990 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, as well as subsequent resolutions,

Recognizing that many African countries have made significant progress towards the creation of an enabling environment for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

[1] A/52/871–S/1998/318

[2] See Economic and Social Council decision 1998/298

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Noting with interest the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community, which entered into force in May 1994, by which African countries have committed themselves to the promotion of regional economic cooperation and integration to accelerate the process of economic growth and development,

Stressing the close linkage between peace, security and sustainable development,

Recalling its resolutions 46/151 of 18 December 1991, the annex to which contains the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 48/214 of 23 December 1993 and 49/142 of 23 December 1994, and 51/32 of 6 December 1996 on the mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda, as well as the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the New Agenda, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review,[3]

Noting with deep concern the conflicts in Africa and the increasing incidence of atrocities involving civilian populations, in particular those that target women, children and relief workers,

Also noting the need to adhere to international humanitarian law and human rights instruments and the fact that all parties involved in the conflict are accountable for their actions,

Expressing concern about the serious impact of socio-economic challenges, such as increasing poverty, the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome pandemic, and barriers which perpetuate discrimination against women and girls,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa[1] for its holistic approach to the problems of peace and development in Africa and the concrete recommendations contained therein;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his strong and global advocacy for African development and his efforts to mobilize the international community for the continent, and, in particular, to bring the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, to support African development within a coordinated framework;

3. *Notes* that the effective implementation of the recommendations of the Secretary-General on building durable peace and promoting sustainable development in Africa will require increased and sustained political will by all parties concerned, and substantial increases in the flow of financial resources;

4. *Urges* the United Nations and other relevant international institutions, upon request, to provide adequate assistance for the strengthening of the institutions for the promotion of transparency and accountability in public administration and good governance and, in this regard, urges all Governments to promote and respect all human rights and the rule of law and to strengthen democratic institutions;

5. *Urges* all States, as well as other relevant actors to rely upon peaceful means rather than military solutions to their problems and, to that end, to promote preventive diplomacy and confidence-building measures, as appropriate;

6. *Calls upon* the international community to provide African countries with sufficient resources for capacity-building and the attainment of a substantial and sustained pace of economic growth and development;

[3] A/53/390.

7. *Calls upon* Member States and international financial institutions to respond positively and take concrete actions to implement the five priority areas identified by the Secretary-General in his report to the Security Council and the General Assembly,[1] namely, market access, increased official development assistance, conversion of official debts into grants, liberalization of the heavily indebted poor countries initiative and foreign direct investment flows – the areas that need to be addressed in order to encourage Africa's participation in the global economy;

8. *Emphasizes* the need for the international community to assist African countries in the promotion of regional economic cooperation and integration in the framework of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community and other complementary subregional organizations and arrangements;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to establish an ad hoc committee of the General Assembly to monitor the implementation of the present resolution and, in particular, the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa;[1]

10. *Requests* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to pay particular attention to meeting the special needs of refugee women and children, including those with special protection needs, as well as displaced persons;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.